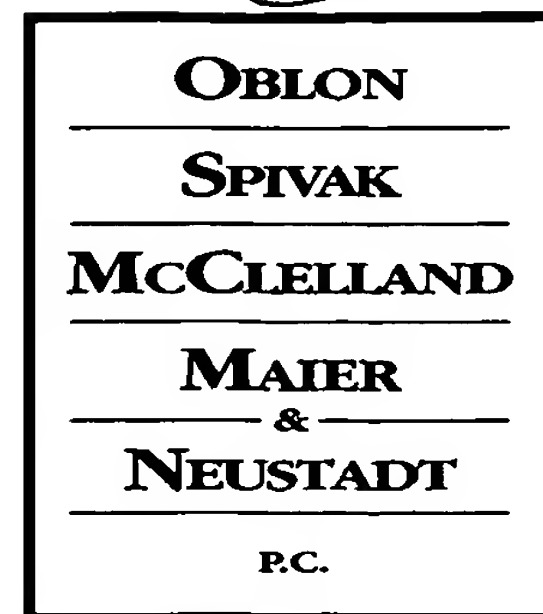




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Applicants: Hiroyuki KISO, et al.
Filing Date: July 15, 2003
For: CATALYST AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A
RIGID POLYURETHANE FOAM
Group Art Unit: 1711
Examiner: COONEY, John M.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 13, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to urethanizing catalyst for examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to urethanizing catalyst, and

Group II: Claims 5-9, drawn to isocyanurizing catalyst.

Applicants have elected with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-4 drawn to urethanizing catalyst for examination.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are independent or patentably distinct and there would be a serious burden placed on the examiner if restriction is not required (M.P.E.P. § 803). The burden of proof is on the Examiner to provide reasons